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Mussolini's Suggestion Reported Turned **Down Flatly**

In Italian Row

BACKGROUND-

In 1935 agreement, signed but not ratified by parliaments of France and Italy, provided for progressive removal of Italian citizenship and other rights by 1965 in Tunisia, French North African protectorate. It provided also for boundary rectifications which gave Italy parts of French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa. Italian denunciation was followed by French reminder that such action, theoretically at least, would deprive Italy of territory.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The French government was said in informed quarters today to have instructed its Ambassador in Rome to reject any proposals casting Adolf Hitler, in the role of peacemaker between

Italy and France.
On Christmas Day at Paris, it was reported, Premier Mussolini had let the Paris government know through unofficial channels he would suggest that French-Italian differences arising from Fascist agitation for Tunisia and other French territory be submitted to arbitration.

Il Duce would name the German Fuehrer, this report said, as his representative, while the suggestion intimated that Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain might stand for France.

This reported suggestion, however, met with a flat refusal in Paris, where it was considered an Italian maneuver to make Italy's denunciation last week of the 1935 French-Italian treaty regarding Tunisia an entering wedge for further expansion at France's expense.

Row on Different Plane.

Such an arbitration agreement, the French pointed out, would put the French-Italian quarrel on an entirely different plane from the it now stands.

French quarters pointed out that Premier Mussolini, following the signing of the 1935 Laval-Mussolini agreement, said all differences between the two nations had been settled. Paris officials said that since Italy declared that agreement invalid Italy alone was to blame for the Rome-Paris diplomatic differ- the fifth time. He must have known

Andre Francois-Poncet, French Ambassador to Rome, was instructed to meet any Italian suggestions of such arbitration with a refusal as flat as diplomatic language can make it, sources close to Premier Daladier said.

The envoy was said to have been told to present France's reply to the Italian denunciation of the 1935 convention, these sources said, some time before Daladier leaves about January 1 on a tour of inspection in Corsica, Tunisia, and Algeria.

Labonne Reaches Paris.

The French resident general in Tunisia, Erik Labonne, arrived in Paris today to report to Daladier on the Tunisian situation and plan the Premier's trip. Italians started a campaign for Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy on November 30. Statements made by the authoritative Fascist editor, Virginia Gayda, that Daladier's proposed voyage to Corsica would be a provocation and belicose threat were ridiculed in the Paris press.

The newspaper L'Ordre commented, "If it is a provocation to protect what we have, then we are in truth provoking Italy."

A boulevard music hall skit given last night represented a helmeted Mussolini pounding his chest and crying, "Tunisia! Corsica!" But "Daladier," dressed in baggy French middle-class civilian clothes, said that he had decided to visit "these places we own that Italians like Mussolini was represented in the

skit as weeping and shouting, "You are exasperating, threatening and combative!"

Alien Smuggling to U. S. Is Probed by France

By the Associated Press.

LE HAVRE, France, Dec. 26. French police, co-operating with States consular officials pushed an investigation today into a ring for smuggling aliens into the United States. Two arrests have been made already.

The ring was disclosed when nine would-be stowaways emerged from hiding places aboard the French Comics ____ C-6-7 Radio _____ B-16 Sasscer decides to run for Gambrill's liner Normandie here December 8. when the vessel was laid up by a strike among crew members.

Police at that time discovered the stowaways had been supplied with food by members of the crew, work- Foreign. ing with an alien smuggling ring. Alphonse Liziard and Robert Dago, both of the Normandie crew, were arrested yesterday while police promised further arrests.

Italy Feels Quake

ROME, Dec. 26 (A).—Slight earth shocks were felt today near Rome, in Grottaferrata and Rocca di Papa No damage was reported.

National Radio Forum

Senator Edward R. Burke of Nebraska, will speak on the National Labor Relations Board Act and the amendments which he considers necessary tonight at 10:30 o'clock.

Station WMAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1938-FORTY-FOUR PAGES. Girl Hurt in Auto Mishap Lives To Find Santa Doubly Good.



Nancy Jean Kurrie, shown with her Christmas tree on Christmas morning. -Star Staff Photo.

A light was burning extra bright n the Kurrie home for Christmas It outshone all the red and green

and blue lights on the Christmas tree, was more brilliant than the tinsel and gayer than the holly trimmings.

The brightest light shone in the face of Nancy Jean Kurrie. You remember Nancy Jean. She's the little Bethesda (Md.) girl who couldn't live because an automobile one on which the French maintain crash in July put out all but the tiniest spark of life in her body That would surely go out too, doctors thought.

Went Home in October. But it didn't. Nancy Jean re-

turned home in October. She lived. And Saturday night Santa Claus visited her home for of her trying experience this year, for he brought her almost everything to make her happy.

Her face, now rosy and full, beamed when she saw the big doll house, furnished with lights and all. She laughed with delight at a funny-looking doll with a red nose. A big automobile, streamlined with silvery wheels, made her blue eyes

Nancy Jean is quite a tomboy, so she was particularly pleased with a hammer, saw and building materials. | morrow. Other gifts filled the Kurrie living

Parents Share Happiness. "Oh, boy, I betcha it would take me all day to count them!" the little girl exclaimed as she went from one

present to another. Her happiness was gloriously shared by Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian M. Kurrie, her parents, who once thought their only child would never experience another Christmas.

Nancy Jean has been running and playing with the other youngsters in the neighborhood for nearly six weeks now. She is strong again. Her broken body healed quickly after mending.

Simple Operation Later. She must twist one of her legs a

ittle when she walks and runs, but doctors advise against correcting this until several years have passed. As she grows the leg should straighten itself to some extent, they say, and when Nancy Jean is about 12, a more simple operation can be performed to complete the healing. But nothing worries Nancy Jean. She laughs and plays throughout the day. She never complains. She

And Christmas Day was a doubly nappy one for her-and the older

Yesterday morning, the same as almost every morning since Nancy Jean came home from the hospital, Mrs. Kurrie said to her husband: "It seems almost like a fairy

Lima Work Speeded In Effort to End

Parley Tomorrow Hull Polishes Speech In Reply to Brazil's

President BACKGROUND-

Pan-American Conference in Lima, Peru, in session since December 9, nas wound up major work by adopting all-American solidarity declaration to make the Western World safe from molestation by foreign dictatorial imperialists. Delegates hail meeting as one of most important held in Western Hemisphere.

By the Associated Press.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 26.-Pan-American Conference delegations labored today to get approximately 130 resolutions and declarations, including the momentous declaration on continental solidarity for defense. small work bench with the little into shape for adjournment to-

The main burden fell on the United States, Haitian and Brazilian delegations whose languages -English, French and Portuguesetogether with Spanish, make up the four official tongues of the 21-republic meeting.

Before the adjournment they must have ready approved translations in the four languages of all conference action.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull admitting to friends he was fatigued by more than two weeks of ardous negotiations, polished the speech he will make tomorrow night in reply to President Oscar Benavides of Peru at the latter's fare-

well dinner. As the conference neared its close delegates predicted it would go down in history as the most important such meeting thus far in the Western Hemisphere. No other conference has approved as many projects covering as wide a range as the

Delegates not involved in working on translations spent their first free day since the conference opened

Dies of Suffocation

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 26 (A). John F. Barrett, 78-year-old retired fire department captain, died of suffocation last night at his home here. He was overcome by smoke after sparks from his pipe set fire to the mattress of his bed.

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Iomorrow 20-Degree Minimum Forecast; Snow Probable

Cold Wave Due

In Capital

Frigid blasts from the Northwest, vanguard of a severe cold spell, will strike Washington late tomorrow evening or early Wednesday morning, Weather Bureau forecasters said

A marked change in temperature will accompany the "cold front," dropping to an expected minimum of 20 degrees early Wednesday, W.P. Day, assistant forecaster, said the cold wave was moving slowly across the plains States today and would dissipate most of its force before reaching the Capital. The bureau also warned of a storm

moving up the coast which would cause strong winds tonight along the middle Atlantic coast. The warning was issued at 11 a.m. and covered the region from Cape Hatteras to Sandy Hook, N. J. Today's forecast for the District

of Columbia predicted rain this afternoon with rising temperature tonight, probably followed by snow and much colder late tomorrow. A minimum temperature of 36 is expected tonight with fresh winds, mostly southeast, blowing throughout the day and shifting to strong northwesterly late Tuesday.

Moderate rains were expected to accompany a slow rise in temperature, which will continue until tomorrow afternoon.

An icy blast moving out of Canada was expected to strike through Nebraska and the Dakotas to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas Western and Northern Missouri and Northwestern Illinois today. Next in the path of the wave, threatening temperatures from near zero to 25 below, were Michigan, Indiana, Eastern and Southern Illinois and Southeastern Missouri. Snow for 48 hours was expected to precede the freezing weather.

East to Get Snow or Rain. The cold was expected to spread from the lower lake region and Ohio Valley tonight and into the Middle and North Atlantic States Tuesday. Predictions of snow or rain, in advance of dropping temperatures, were made for the Eastern States.

During the 24 hours ending last night, snow had fallen over the ex-States. In the Northern Rocky Mountain region temperatures drop-

Little snow was reported yesterday from the major cities. Temperatures, however, fell as low as zero in Duluth, which had a high of only 20, and rose to 80 in Miami, where the low was 66. The low in Minneapolis-St. Paul was 4; the

Most Widespread of Season. J. R. Lloyd, Government forecaster in all parts of the world. at Chicago, said the lower Missouri and Ohio Valleys, the upper Great His birthday," he said, "bombs are Lakes region and the middle Mis- dropping on children on their way sissippi Valley were next in the path to church and school. We read of would be engulfed in it by tomorrow

MacKenzie Basin, is the most wide- America a happy home for us all. spread of the season, Mr. Lloyd Banish hate and fear from our Shippers in the Northwest were in peace."

warned to protect shipments for the next 36 hours from temperatures ranging to 20 degrees below zero.

Woman Dies; Husband, Niece Badly Slashed By the Associated Press.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26.-A 53 year-old husband faced a firstlegree murder charge today after Assistant Detective Chief Patrick J. | fundamental quarrel with industry, Hoare said he slashed his wife to and Mr. Murray asked both groups death with a razor as she returned to dedicate themselves to peaceful from a Christmas mass.

Chief Hoare said Theodore Mas elkiewicz almost decapitated his estranged wife, Stella, 33; seriously slashed her niece, Mrs. Florence Brown, 22, and then cut his own throat.

were in a serious condition today from their wounds.

Zona Gale, III With Pneumonia Sinks Rapidly



CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-A hospital attendant said today that Novelist Page B-8 monia, was "sinking rapidly. The 64-year-old author has been

President Stresses Peace and Good Will In Broadcast

Of Yule Messages

Of Nation's Leaders

Co-operation Keynote

By the Associated Press. Appeals from Government, industrial and labor leaders for cooperation among all groups of Americans were highlighted today

by this message from President Roosevelt "The glory of the first Christmas message—as announced to the shepherds of Bethlehem-is that the glad tidings are for all people. "No one was overlooked or forgotten when the multitude sang-

glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men. night, snow had fallen over the extreme Northern plains and there mas time extends to all nations to the West Cult were general rains in the West Gulf | and to all people. The spirit of Christmas is the hope of manking

Message Read by Hopkins. Mr. Roosevelt's message was read last night by Harry L. Hopkins, newly-appointed Secretary of Commerce, on a Nation-wide radio forum arranged by the United States News.

Mr. Hopkins had been a Christmas guest at the White House. Speaking for himself, the Secretary deplored strife and intolerance

"At the very time we celebrate of the frigid weather and probably armies that burn and sack ancient cities. * * * "Oh, God, give us the strength

The icy blast, moving out of the and courage and wisdom to make of hearts and help us to dwell forever

Associate Justice Stanley Reed of the Supreme Court, criticizing persons or groups that seek special interests without regard to general needs, declared that "co-operation of its citizens is the glory of the

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, C. I. O. vice president, represented labor on the program. Mr. Green said labor had no relations to promote the national economy

Charles R. Hook, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, named mutual respect and confidence as requisites to peaceful relationships between social Both Mrs. Brown and Maselkiewicz groups. Senator-elect Taft, Republican, of Ohio said that peace on earth depends on meeting opposition "in a spirit of tolerance, sympathy and good humor."

Others on Program. Others on the program included Edward A. O'Neal, president American Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Harold Dodds, president of Princeton University, and Speaker Bank-

Recalling the Golden Rule, Speaker Bankhead said: "With the utmost reverence, I venture to suggest that today no greater political or economic, or sociological platform could be contrived than this: 'Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them."

Mr. O'Neal said: "Our people still have confidence in the spirit of democracy which has been handed down to them, and confidence in themselves to work for a beter day. With such a heritage and such a faith, we will not fail." Mr. Dodd said: "Only by discov-

ering the source and power of that peace that is Christmas can the civilization we know escape destruction at the hands of a new Dark

Finds Brother's Body

WALSENBURG, Colo., Dec. 26 P).—Stanley M. Crocker, railway brakeman, was one of the first persons to reach a man crushed to death by a freight train in the Walsenburg yards yesterday. He identified the victim as his

then collapsed. Air Group to Be Sought Senator McCarran, Democrat, of

brother, Preston O. Crocker, jr., 24,

Yule Greeting Saves 14 From Asphyxiation By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 26. Timely arrival of a telegraphed Christmas greeting saved 14 persons from asphyxiation at a family re-"I smell something burning," the

messenger told Claude Gaston as he delivered the greeting last night. Just Then Mrs. Virginia Atwood, Eldorado, Ark., fainted. Others became ill. Soon two other women guests fainted. Gaston, smelling gas, rushed his relatives into the yard. Then, with

Forest V. Atwood discovered an open gas burner in the basement. A physician who revived the three women said all 14 probably would have become asphyxiated in a few more minutes.

Over Bank Holding Companies

Bill Would Forbid New Firms, Keep Old Ones From Expanding

By the Associated Press.

Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, said today he would demand action in the next session of Congress on his proposal to impose rigid kins, attended services at the St. control over bank holding com-

The 80-year-old Virginian, who has voiced caustic criticism of many New Deal policies, introduced a bill last spring to regulate these companies after President Roosevelt had condemned "concentrated economic power" in a message to Con-

Among other things, Senator Glass' bill would forbid the formation of additional bank holding companies, prohibit existing holding companies from acquiring contro of additional banks, and prevent banks controlled by holding companies from establishing additional branches. In effect, it would 'freeze" the bank holding company structure at its present size.

There now are 50 holding companies controlling 500 banks with assets of \$8,000,000,000.

In another field of banking, Senator Logan, Democrat, of Kentucky, said he would ask Congress to give the Federal Reserve Board authority to manipulate currency and credit controls so as to maintain a constant price level. Senator Logan said the board had been "much interested" in his proposal but thus far had not taken a stand for or against it.

Senators and Representatives al-Congress, January 3. President 4 and on the following day is ex-

(See GLASS, Page A-5.)

Quiet Rules as Extra Holiday Suspends Business in City

President Leads Yule Observance; Trade Peak Is Reported

The Christmas spirit with its heme of peace and good will lingered on in Washington today. Government offices, banks and business houses remained closed for an extra holiday because Christmas wet towels over their faces, he and fell on Sunday. The day continued the quiet tenor of yesterday's observance. It was marked for the most part by family gatherings, special religious services and a reout on the grounds of the Baptist turn of winter weather.

After a clear, bright Christmas the Weather Bureau's forecast was for "rain turning to snow" and a sharp drop tonight in temperature. President Roosevelt led the Capial vesterday in observing its bes

Christmas in years—a Christmas made happy here by a record amount of pre-Christmas business and a systematic care for all those in need. Traditional White House Observance. It was a traditional Roosevelt Christmas at the White House. Four

generations of Roosevelts were present—Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt of New York, the President's mother the President and his wife, their sons James and Franklin, jr., and their sons' wives and children. Youngest of the family group was 5-month-old Franklin D. Roosevelt, 3d. The President, accompanied by

Thomas Episcopal Church, where he heard Dr. Howard S. Wilkinson say peace on earth can exist only in the hearts of men. The rector, touching on delicate international affairs, said "to sidetrack war is not necessarily peace" and "to tolerate injustice is not

members of his family and Mr. Hop-

of good will-such good will that begins with individuals and spreads to nations. After the services the President returned to the White House and spent the afternoon with members of his family. The

Peace on earth, he em-

(See HOLIDAY, Page A-3.)

Accidental Death Toll In Manhattan Drops

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Greater New York Safety Council today estimated New York City's accidental death toll for 1938 at approximately 3,750, as against 4,150 in 1937, a decline of about 10 per cent.

Fewer deaths were recorded for all major types of acidents. Acready are arriving for the opening of cidents in the home caused about 5 per cent fewer deaths in 1938; Roosevelt will deliver his annual motor vehicles 6 per cent fewer; message to a joint session January | public accidents, exclusive of motor vehicle deaths, 12 per cent fewer, and occupational accidents 15 per

Santa and Stork Cross Visits And 27 Children Are Born Here

peace."

(Picture on Page A-2.)

Day in Washington hospitals.

and 11 boys. Sibley Hospital headed the list of mons of 1733 Trinidad avenue N.E., daughter; Mrs. Fulton Thomas of 117 Cockerville avenue, Takoma colored.

Park, Md., a daughter; Mrs. Walter Edmonston of 905 Duke street, Alexandria, Va., a daughter, and Mrs. S.E., a daughter.

brought a daughter into the world;

Mrs. Kay Blood of 5410 Lee high Santa Claus and the stork met | way, Arlington, Va.; a daughter to face to face 27 times Christmas Mrs. Mary Saunders of 1922 Vietch street, Arlington Va.; a son to Mrs. To 27 mothers came the best Cecilia Swann of 4511 Marble Hall Christmas present of all, a baby boy road, Baltimore, and a son to Mrs. or a baby girl. There were 16 girls | Marguerite Tugman of 1811 Stafford street, Arlington, Va. At George Washington Christmas

those reporting Christmas deliveries brought a daughter to Mrs. Viola with six. Mrs. Quincy Cusie of Or- Pomeroy of 728 Fourth street N.E. ville, Md., gave birth to a son; Mrs. and a daughter to Mrs. Mildred Marie Dayhoff of 3407 Eastern ave- Kent of 636 Marton place N.E. At nue N.E., a son; Mrs. Granville Sim- Garfield a son and a daughter, respectively, were born to Mrs. Loris Arndorff and Mrs. Lucille Frederick, At Gallinger a son came to Mrs.

Grace Jones, colored, of 729 Ball's

court S.W., and daughters to Mrs William Marshal of 1218 P street Eva Potts, colored, of 1234 Six and One-Half street N.W.; Mrs. Clara Columbia Hospital was next with Williams, colored, of 812 First street five Christmas babies. Mrs. Evelyn N.W., and Mrs. Gertrude Short, col-Poole of 425 Minnesota avenue S.E. ored, of 765 Norton street N.W. At Freedmens Mrs. Alma Wiggins Mrs. Mary Kamagy of 9628 Suther- colored, of 2333 Sherman avenue land road, Silver Spring, Md., a son; N.W., gave birth to a daughter; Mrs. Mrs. Margaret Spicer of 501 East Dorothy Carter, colored, of 508 Ridge Clifton terrace N.W., a daughter; avenue, Takoma Park, Md., a son; Nevada announced today he would Mrs. Mary Via of Relay, Md., a Mrs. Grace Kelly, colored, of 649 Page_C-6 treated in an oxygen room since ask the Senate to establish a perma- son, and Mrs. Eva Murray, colored, Girard street N. W., a son, and Mrs. Page C-6 Ist Wednesday and received a blood nent committee on aviation and of 2320 Champlain street N.E., a Ruth Nickerson, colored, of Bowie, Page C-7 transfusion Saturday.

Ruth Nickerson, colored, of Bowie, daughter.

Sino-Japanese **Peace Talks** Rumored

THREE CENTS.

Former High Official Reported Carrying Terms to Hong Kong

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—The possi-bility of discussions designed to effect a Chinese-Japanese truce arose today when well-informed foreign sources disclosed that Wang Chingwei, former president of the Chinese executive yuan, was planning to meet Japanese representatives on a

visit to Hong Kong. Wang's dparture from Chungking Chinas' temporary capital, resulted in numerous unconfirmed rumors that he was carrying truce terms either on behalf of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek or independently n an effort to effect a peace that would make him head of a Japanesesponsored government.

Japanese sources reported there was a split between the generalissimo and Wang because of growing Communist influence in the Chinese

Advocate of Peace. Wang's exact whereabouts remained a mystery. He was expected to arrive in Hong Kong after a journey from Chungking, by way of French Indo-China. As head of the so-called "peace party," Wang is known to be an advocate of peace with Japan.

The Hong Kong China Morning Post expressed doubt that China would negotiate with Japan on the basis of terms outlined publicly by Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye. The newspaper drew an inference, however, that there may be "parallel secret terms more favorable to China-terms perhaps partially inspired by tnird parties to whom China might seem helpful as an ally or neutral, but which China might have been encouraged to de-

Japanese bombers systematically raided important Chinese cities in three provinces Christmas Day. At Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi Province, 100 houses were destroyed and a direct hit demolished a dug-

Church.

Chief Chinese Cities Bombed

Wuchow, strategic defense point blocking Japanese invasion of Kwangsi Province, again was bomparded from the air. Two persons were killed, seven others wounded and 10 houses destroyed in an air raid on Sian, capital of Shensi Province, straddling

and Soviet Russia. Changteh, in Hunan Province base for Chinese resistance to a Japanese attempt to swing around Tungting Lake, the largest in China, also was raided. Monocacy at Shanghai.

The United States gunboat Monocacy, which had been marooned by the war since last June at Kiukiang, 650 miles up the Yangtze River, arrived at Shanghai. Chungking, Chinese provincial capital, spent Christmas celebrating

the second anniversary of the re-

lease of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek from Sian, Chinese Communist "capital," with a three-hour parade and speechmaking. Fifteen thousands soldiers, political workers, police, trade unions and students massed at the city sports arena to hear local army officers express their satisfaction that the generalissimo was released two years phasized, will come only from men ago when he was kidnaped by

> urged continued support of Chiang and prolonged resistance to the invasion by Japan. Thousands participated in a torchight procession and chanted "Down With Japan," while planes droned

> Marshal Chang Hsue-Liang. They

Trouble With Russia Denied. At Peiping a Japanese army spokesman said the appearance of the Soviet Russian flag atop 165foot towers on the Russian side of the Siberian-Manchoukuo border had led to erroneous reports of new tension in the disputed area. He said that because of the height of the towers, erected about 200 yards from Changkufeng Hill, center of the disputed zone, last August when Japanese and Soviet Russians clashed, the hammer and sickle banner was visible from the Manchoukuo side, but reiterated there had been no new friction, adding that both Japanese and Russians

were faithfully observing terms of the truce. The Tokio newspaper Yomiuri reported that a Japanese shipping firm, which it did not name, was negotiating for the purchase of five American freighters to bolster Japan's merchant marine, particularly for transportation of military supplies and industrial machinery to

Three Movie Starlets Reveal Engagements

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 26.-The new year promises to bring marriage to three starlets who announced their engagements at a Christmas Eve

Joyce Mathews, daughter of James F. Mathews, Wall Street figure, disclosed her betrothal to John Hartley, young recruit from the Pasadena Community Playhouse.

Gwen Kenyon, a native of Hollywood, said she had promised her hand to Robert Heasley of Beverly

Dolores Casey, formerly of Brook-

yn, revealed her engagement to Bob

No Late Editions Today

Linden, assistant film director.

Due to the holiday, The Star will not publish the 5:30 and Night Final editions today. Subscribers to these editions will receive the regular city edition.